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| YS GARMENTS, INC. |) | |
| |) | Proceeding No. 92056608 |
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| Petitioner, |) | Registration No. 3503550 |
| v. |) | |
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| NEXT LEVEL SPORTSYSTEMS, INC. |) | |
| and |) | |
| SIERRA SPORTSWEAR, INC. |) | |
| |) | |
| Registrants. |) | |

**MOTION TO LATE FILE REGISTRANTS’
ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR CANCELLATION**

Registrants Next Level Sportsystems, Inc. and Sierra Sportswear, Inc.
 (“Registrants”) herein move the Board to accept late filing of Registrants’ Answer to
 First Amended Petition for Cancellation.

This cancellation proceeding was filed by Petitioner YS Garments, Inc. on
 December 20, 2012. Registrants Next Level Sports Systems, Inc. and Sierra Sportswear,
 Inc. answered the petition February 7, 2012.

Upon request of the parties, a discovery conference with Board participation was
 held April 12, 2013. Although Petitioner was represented by counsel, Registrants were
 represented by a corporate representative. At the conference, the Interlocutory Attorney
 found Petitioner had failed to adequately plead its standing and claim of damage.

Petitioner was granted twenty days to file an amended petition and registrants were

granted twenty days from the date on the certificate of service of the amended petition to file and serve an answer. [See, Discovery Conference Order, April 12, 2013].

Petitioner filed its First Amended Petition for Cancellation on April 26, 2013. Therefore, Registrants' answer was due May 16, 2013.

Registrant Next Level Sportsystems' President John Mack spoke with the interlocutory attorney on or about May 23, 2013 to convey that it would need until May 29, 2013 to retain counsel for this matter and to prepare and file the Answer. Mr. Mack was instructed to file a motion for late filing with the Answer. Furthermore, Counsel for Petitioner YS Garments, Inc. agreed to not object to extension of time to file the Answer through May 29, 2013.

Good cause for granting the motion should be found because the delay in filing was not the result of willful conduct or gross neglect on the part of Registrants, but rather the retention of counsel, as recommended by the Interlocutory Attorney, for this matter. Registrants have been actively involved in this case, including attending the discovery conference. Therefore, this is not a case of registrant neglect of the matter. Petitioner will not be substantially prejudiced by the delay as Registrants are not requested any of the trial dates set be moved. Lastly, as reflected in the Answer filed herewith, Registrants have a meritorious defense, namely that they have not abandoned the mark and that Petitioner does not have priority of use.

Pursuant to TBMP § 312.02, with good cause showing, and a lack of objection from Petitioner, Registrants herein move the Board to accept a late-filed answer in this proceeding.

All other dates ordered in the April 12, 2013 Discovery Conference Order can remain as set by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 29, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this **MOTION TO LATE FILE REGISTRANTS' ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR CANCELLATION** is being served on May 29, 2013 by Federal Express to:

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